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REVIVAL TIME, OCTOBER 1981

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1980-81

CHURCH	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.
Aulsbury Chapel	88	101	114	104	115	101	106	98	105			
Beacon	123		120	94	101		101	125	104	102		
Belton	32	48	50	49	45		38					
Buffalo	54	115			80	76	88	81				
Calvary, Conway	62	69	76	73	69	69	70	79	72	90		
Central	62	87	100	78								
Copper Mines	77	76	82	83	77	71	81	78	79	81	81	75
Cuba	73	75	82	62	62	54	42	46	55	50	41	
DeSoto	151	200										
Farmington	526	564	599	557	546	567	598	633	646	701	654	639
Flat River, First	168	198	210		186							
Fourth	143	160	147	148		111	127	163	171			
Fredericktown, First	94	121		156	112	108	114	120	120	121	114	
Grant Avenue	123	131	120	125	129	132	125	141	139	135	141	137
Gray Summit		15	20	20	30	29	30	28	30	31	31	
Hannon	69	81	83	70	73	79	78	80	85	84	82	82
Happy Home	46	69	68	62	64	60	74	75	77	85		
Harmony, K.C.							57	54	60	56	60	50
Hartville	87	84	96									
Houston	76				63	60	60					
Lebanon, First	90	105	113	111	116	105	100	111	125	125		
Marshfield	54	59	60	48	47	43	43	47	47	44		
Monett	94	135	132	129	144	139	138	157	196			
Parkview	41	51	64	63	57	51	52	49	39	47	51	50
Richwoods	29	38	52	40	48	34	32	28	21			
Terrill Road	29	58				37	38				57	
Oak Hill, Union	64	55	62	59	58	56						
Thayer	143	147	137	148	153	149	167	179	167	167		
Trinity	150	149	157	144	132	128	127	128	120	124	121	120
Twin Oak	78	79	81	84	90	89	82	80				
Willow Springs	88	101	110	103	106	107	108	106	115	120	116	119

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Churches People *And* Events

Great Missionary Service at Beacon

Reverend Roger Harwell, pastor of the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church in Raytown, Missouri, writes that Sunday, December 14, was a great day for Brother Louis Coscia, missionary to Brazil, and the church. At the close of the morning service several people came forward to pray for loved ones and friends that were unsaved. The ladies of the church provided everyone with an International Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

The missions giving was tremendous: Friday evening, \$237.00; Sunday morning, \$447.60 and General Fund, \$600.00. This gave a total cash offering of \$1,284.60 and the monthly pledges totaled \$220.00. The grand total was \$3,969.60.

Richwoods Church in Building Program

Pastor John Shebaum of the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church writes that they are in a building program at Richwoods. The basement has been completed and work is continuing on the building. The church is preparing a plaque that will include the names of the ones who have contributed \$500 or more.

Reverend Charley Miller, pastor of the Desloge Free Will Baptist Church, will be serving as evangelist for a spring revival April 13, 1981.

Report From First Church, Flat River

The church reporter writes that Reverend and Mrs. Jim Tolbert and family have begun their work as pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri. They moved from Adrian, Michigan. The children are Debbie, age 15; Keith, age 16, and Bob age 18. The reporter continues, "We are thankful to the Lord for leading this fine family to us. We trust that we shall do great things for the Lord as we endeavor to win souls to Christ."

Report From Mt. Zion

Sharon Bowers, reporter from the Mt. Zion Church near Thayer, Missouri, writes, "The Lord has been blessing with some good services at the church. My son, who is six years old, got saved and several others. We had a wonderful New Year's Eve Service. The pastor and his wife, Reverend and Mrs. Johnny Holsapple, have a baby boy, Joshua."

Twenty-Five Year Perfect Attendance Award

Reverend Grover Terry, pastor of the Marshfield Free Will Baptist Church, was awarded a 25 Year Attendance Bar on Sunday, December 28, 1980. The presentation was made by the Sunday School Superintendent, Brother Robert Willis. The superintendent stated, "Thank the Lord for such a wonderful example of faithfulness; a quarter of a century of perfect attendance in Sunday school." Brother Terry stated, "The last time I missed was while I was pastoring the Hopewell Church. I started to church but was stopped by the Highway Patrol and advised to return home because the highway was covered with ice."



Brother Terry was ordained to preach the gospel in 1949. During his early ministry he pastored churches, mostly "half-time" in south central Missouri. Following his pastorate at Hopewell he pastored these churches: Lone Star, near Seymour, MO; Grant Avenue, Springfield, MO; Ballews Chapel, near Grubbs, AR; Parkview, Desloge, MO; Hannon, near Liberal, MO; First Church, Wichita, KS; South Side, St. Louis, MO; Marshfield Church, Marshfield, MO (presently serving this church). Jeanie Cummins, church reporter, continues, "Brother Terry came to Marshfield on November 18, 1978. We are thankful for him and Sister Agnes. We appreciate their dedication and Christian example. May the Lord grant to them many more years of faithful service."

Dedication Service at Happy Home

The church reporter from the Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church, Ava, Missouri, writes that on October 5, 1980, a Dedication Service was held for an educational unit that was added to the church. The new addition provides additional classroom space and an enlarged auditorium. The guest speaker for the service was Brother Wayne Golden from West Plains, Missouri. The ladies provided a bountiful and enjoyable lunch.

The church added new pews in December that will now accommodate seating capacity for one hundred twenty. The attendance has reached ninety for two Sundays. The church is looking forward to many blessings from the Lord in 1981. The pastor of the church is Reverend Raymond Haden.

City of O'Fallon Honors Reverend Lombard

A special Memorial was held in the City of O'Fallon for Reverend Donald W. Lombard who was killed in a plane crash September 7, 1980. He was returning from a Bill Gothard Seminar in Kansas City. The City of O'Fallon paid tribute for his outstanding and dedicated service to the community as Chaplain-in-Charge. A certificate of appreciation was presented to his wife, Mrs. Carolyn Lombard, by Police Chief Dan Granger who explained that it was an honor to serve with Reverend Lombard in his functions as the Department Chief Chaplain. Lombard was credited with being the guiding force behind the program. Granger stated that Rev. Lombard was a "friend to all" and would always bid you farewell by saying "GOD LOVE YA!" He earned the praise of the officers when assisting the department in various ways. Mrs. Lombard was also presented with pictures of her husband and pins of honor for his faithful service. Mayor George Mussman and councilmen presented Mrs. Lombard with a plaque in memory of his outstanding and dedicated service. The plaque has his favorite Scripture on it, Philippians 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Reverend Bob Couch, a fellow minister and friend, stated that Lombard was a prince in his rank among his brethren and a prince in the dignity of offices bestowed upon him. He was a prince in his attitude toward his fellowman; he was a prince in his mastery of all circumstances. He was a prince in his personality as he was happy, optimistic, out-going, and always had a kind word.



Reverend Lombard was pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of O'Fallon for 11 years. O'Fallon Police Lt. Michael Henry described Lombard as an "exceptional minister" and stated that he was a shining image of his profession and well-respected throughout the community. He explained that Rev. Lombard's loss was the worst in the city's recent history. Flags at the O'Fallon Police Headquarters were ordered flown at half-staff. Lt. Michael Henry

remembers the Chaplain as hard-working and much admired. He was well thought of by everyone that knew him. In October, 1979, he received a department award for police officer of the month for meritorious service. In an attempt to honor the man who started the Chaplaincy Program and to spread the identity of the program in the community, Mayor George Mussman set aside the week of November 2-8, 1980, as Donald W. Lombard week and set aside a fund in Reverend Lombard's memory for the Chaplaincy Program. The amount collected thus far has already reached over two thousand dollars. Reverend Lombard had just been named Director of the Midwest Region of the International Conference of Police Chaplains prior to his death.

Christian Education Retreat

The Christian Education Board will sponsor a retreat at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Nian-gua, MO., April 20-22.

Ministerial Burn Out, Fatigue, and Mid-Life Crisis will be some of the topics discussed by Tom Pickard. Tom Pickard is the director of Human Resources Foundation of Springfield, Missouri. In addition to this, a session will be held on Personal Time Management and on Church Staff Relations.

The evening worship services will be a time of inspiration with Bobby Sebastian leading the singing and Reverend Ken Dodson and Reverend Ken Goff sharing from the Bible on Monday and Tuesday evening. Pre-registration should be done by March 30. The cost is \$15.00 per person/\$25.00 per couple. (This can be paid in advance or at the time of the retreat.) Pre-registration should be sent to Reverend Tim Eaton, 3416 N. Bellefontaine, Kansas City, MO. 64117. Those that cannot attend the day sessions are encouraged to come in for the evening services.

Report From Neosho

Hattie McIlvanie, church reporter, writes that approximately seventy people attended the Christmas Program on December 23. There were two plays presented and several musical presentations and a reading was given. Santa surprised the children with a visit. Refreshments were served following the program. A small group of carolers entertained some of the elderly folks of the church. Everyone enjoyed refreshments later at the Tom McCullough's.

Mrs. Ruby Ray and Mrs. Wilma Pogue served as hostesses for a wedding shower for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, the pastor's son.

In the contest to improve church attendance, the "under 40s" won with twenty-two more people attending than the "over 40s." The losers treated the winners to a pot-luck supper on January 24. The New Bethel Singers provided the music following the supper.

Work on the building addition is continuing. The carpeting will be installed soon. The church is purchasing air-conditioning units for the new area. Plans are being made to purchase appliances for the kitchen.

The Sunday school average attendance for December was 50 and 53 in January.

Announcement From Central Church in Kansas City

Reverend Howard Gwartney, pastor of the Central Free Will Baptist Church, has announced that "a dream of almost four years has become a reality. With the Lord's help, the Central Church is building on a 17 acre plot in Grandview, Missouri "(suburb of Kansas City)."

The church has available bonds for sale: 10%-10½%-11%, First Mortgage—Compound Interest Bonds; Interest compounded semiannually; interest rate determined by maturity date. For further information contact Brother Gwartney at 1112 East 77th Street, Kansas City, MO 64130

Book and Cassettes Available

Reverend Winford Davis has several cassette tapes available, priced at \$4.00 each or a full set of eight for \$29.00. He also has available a book entitled "My Growing Up Days." The cost of the book is \$2.50 postpaid. The address: Reverend Winford Davis, Route #3, Box 203, Monett, MO 65708.

A New Look at New Hope

"The new look at New Hope is a new building," writes the pastor, Reverend Ken Beavers. The church voted unanimously on July 9, 1980, for Sargents Construction Company to construct a 32 x 80 church building with a full basement. Sargent was to complete all exterior work with the men of the church doing the interior work. The work is progressing very well. The building is expected to be completed in the near future.



"God has done great things for New Hope," said Brother Beavers. "We are trusting Him to continue to work through the church. As a church prospers and grows, the responsibility becomes greater. May we have the burden to go into the community and win the lost for Jesus. Pray for us as we continue to serve Him."

Bowden Resigns as Bookstore Manager

Edwin Bowden submitted his resignation to the Executive Committee effective January 31, 1981. Ed and Shirley (his wife) moved to Lebanon, Missouri, from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Ed served as manager for almost seven years. Shirley complemented her husband's ministry with her warm, friendly, and outgoing personality.

The Bowdens have served the Bookstore ministry effectively. They placed an emphasis on service and efficiency. A placard that hangs in the working area states, "We need not fear outside competition nearly as much as inefficiency, discourtesy, and poor service." This reflects the philosophy of the bookstore under the management of Ed Bowden. The Missouri State Association says "thanks" for seven years of faithful service.

The Bowdens will continue to live in Lebanon where they are actively involved in the local church and the work of the Missouri State Association. Brother Bowden accepted employment with the Omni Publishing Company as a sales representative.

Report From the Sikeston Church

The Sikeston Free Will Baptist Church has called Reverend and Mrs. C. H. Moyers to serve as pastor of the church. They moved from Springfield, Missouri. The Sikeston Church appreciates the help Reverend Clarence Burton gave them in calling a pastor.

Reverend and Mrs. Moyers have been successful and involved in church mission work for over forty years. They have been responsible for starting successful churches in eastern Missouri and Oklahoma. Brother Moyers attended school at Moody Bible Institute. The Moyers have four children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Great things are happening at the Sikeston Free Will Baptist Church. Since Brother Moyers assumed the pastorate, the Sunday school has reached a high of 59 on December 28, 1980. Revival has begun within the church. There have been four professions of faith, five rededications, and seven united with the church.

The month of December was given special emphasis towards soul winning. Some new Sunday school classes have been formed, which gives a total of nine. Prayer and Share Groups have been very successful and a Teacher's Seminar is scheduled for January 8th and 9th. The church had a record offering before Christmas.

The highlight of the month of December was a New Year's Eve Watch Service. Over one hundred people were in attendance for a night of Prayer and Praise. The Ozark Country Gospel Group from Festus, Missouri, and a group of singers from the General Baptist Church at Clarkton, Missouri, provided the special music. The guest speaker was Reverend Jim Moody from Clarkton.

The new pastor and his wife held an "Open-House" on November 30, 1980. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

The church reporter writes, "The Lord has truly blessed the church. Every weekend is 'special' at the Sikeston Free Will Baptist Church."

Report From the Copper Mines Church

Clarice Rehkop, church reporter, writes that the Men's Adult Sunday School Class has been on the move lately. They began receiving a special offering in the Fall of 1980. As the fund grew, it was decided to buy a tape recorder. Tapes of the Sunday morning and Sunday evening services are taped for the shut-in from their class, Brother Harmon Hovis.

Reverend Mark Vandivort, missionary to Flagstaff, Arizona, visited the church last November. The collection was given to the Vandivort account. The Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church is the home church of Louise Vandivort, Mark's wife.

The first Sunday in February the class pledged to give "Cash For Nails" to help in the erection of the Mission Church in Flagstaff, Arizona. The men would like to challenge other Men's Classes to help with this project.

The class is on a "Revolving Teacher" basis at this time. One of the members, Brother Vernon Sikes, is presently serving as Sunday School Superintendent.

Overland News

On October 5, 1980, the Overland Free Will Baptist Church celebrated its Silver Anniversary. This was a memorable service in many ways: The pastor, Rev. Harry Asher, was honored for 25 years of faithful and loving service to the church, and for his 25 years in the gospel ministry, having been ordained at the same service in which the church was organized. Special guests included Brother George Rose, the first convert of the church. A reception was held following the evening service, and plaques were given to the pastor and the charter members: Sister Dottie Asher, Sister Beulah Logan, and Brother Deloise Skaggs.



There was an atmosphere of joy and victory on December 14 as a church bond was burned symbolizing the freedom of all indebtedness on our church property. We were honored to have one of our city

alderman visiting with us. Many former members were present. Following the service a basket dinner was served, and the church enjoyed its own "Talent Hour" in the afternoon.

The best part of both services was the fact that God's spirit prevailed and souls were saved and many were rededicated as He moved in our midst.

Riders Recall First Year at Copper Mines

Peggy Rider, wife of pastor Wesley Rider, writes, "We have been serving as pastor of the Copper Mines Church for a little over a year. God has blessed and we have really grown to love and appreciate the people. On December 9, 1979, Wes was called to pastor the church. We lived in Fenton, Missouri, at the time and commuted back and forth on the weekends. We both worked in the St. Louis area and were members of the Calvary Fellowship Church for ten years.

"The Lord blessed in 1980. In just one short year we have experienced sixteen conversions, a number of rededications, and a definite growth in the Sunday school. On June 29, our twelfth anniversary, Wes baptized twelve people. This was the first baptismal service that he had held. It was extra special in that he baptized our son Aaron who is 6 years old and Wendi our daughter who is 10 years old.

"We feel that as long as we are in the center of God's will that He will continue to bless us. We have resolved in our hearts to 'Compel Them To Come In in 1981.'"

Calendar of Events

State CTS Competitive Activities, May 2, Monett, MO.

Missouri State Association Activities, Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, MO. June 8-11

Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

June 14-19, ages 7-11

June 21-26, ages 12-17

National Association Activities, July 19-23, Louisville, KY.

Revival-Time In Missouri, October 1981

Commendation From National Home Missions

Reverend Roy Thomas, general director of the National Home Missions Department, announced that Missouri exceeded its goal in 1981. He stated, "I commend Missouri for giving a total of \$76,996.94. You have exceeded the quota given to you; you have been a good friend to Home Missions."

State Competitive Activities at Monett

The Missouri State Sunday School and CTS Board will be holding the State CTS Competitive Activities on Sunday, May 2, 1981, at the First Church in Monett, Missouri. If you have not received entry forms please order from Edwin Bowden, P.O. Box 1141, Lebanon, MO 65536.

Listed are three motels in Monett. Reservations should be made at least 10 days in advance of May 1.

Lakeland Lodge Ph. 417-235-7871

Single \$19.24; Dbl. from \$21.32 to \$25.48

Econo Motel Ph. 417-235-8988

1 dbl. bed 1 or 2 people \$12.00 plus tax

2 dbl. bed 1 or 3 people \$15.00 plus tax

Park Plaza Motel Ph. 417-235-7123

1 person \$13.00

2 people \$16.00

2 beds 2 people \$18.00 2 beds 4 people \$23.00

Entry forms should be mailed to Richard Pointer, 1945 S. Weaver Ave., Springfield, MO 65807

Honor Roll at FWBBC

When mid-semester examinations were concluded at Free Will Baptist Bible College in October, the administration announced that 114 students had completed the first nine weeks with an average of "B" or higher.

These students from Missouri made the honor roll: Gary Underwood, senior; Daniel Felts, junior; Joanna Sasser, junior.

Notice Church Treasurers: The Missouri State Association Year ends March 31. In order that the local church receipts for cooperative and designated giving show in the annual report given at the Missouri State Association, please have the checks to the State Office no later than Wednesday, April 1.

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING December 1980

Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 84.00
Beacon	122.62
Columbia	5.00
DeSoto	100.00
Farmington	10.00
Fellowship	20.00
Flat River, First	100.00
Fordland	124.00
Fourth	23.12
Fredericktown	64.00
Grace	25.00
Grant Ave.	99.16
Houston	43.25
Hurryville	55.55
Joplin	10.00
Lebanon	27.00
Leadington	10.00
Low Ground	20.00
Mill Creek Young Adult Class	15.00
New Harmony	25.24
Oak Hill	68.04
O'Fallon (Rev. Lombard Memorial)	30.00
Olivet	150.00
Parkview	2.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Salem	30.00
Sedalia	149.98
South Fremont	50.00
Terrill Road	17.83
National Home Missions	10.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,831.33
Mable Riley	20.00
Don Harrison	10.00
Leonard Rehkop	15.00
TOTAL	\$4,377.12

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING January 1981

Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 10.0
Beacon	106.0
Columbia	5.0
Farmington	25.0

Fellowship	16.00
Flat River, First	100.00
Fordland	13.00
Indian Creek Assoc.	6,875.26
Mt. Zion	20.00
Greater Kansas City Assoc.	10.00
Bethel Woman's Aux.	10.00
Fourth	30.95
Fredericktown	144.00
Grace	25.00
Grant Ave.	44.16
Hazel Creek	10.00
Houston	34.42
Hurryville	21.00
Joplin	111.00
Lebanon	2.00
Leadington	300.00
Low Ground	20.00
Mill Creek	60.00
New Harmony	32.99
Oak Hill	46.75
Olivet	150.00
Park View	4.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Rock Chapel	928.20
Sedalia	58.62
Terrill Road	19.43
Union Light	74.00
Victory	188.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,945.61
W. L. Evans	25.00
Elmer Patton	10.00
Billy Whitaker	5.00
Kay Matthews	20.00
South Side (Reverends Thompson, Spurgeon, Lombard Memorial)	25.00
TOTAL	\$12,535.39

Secretary-Treasurer
Rev. Roger Harwell

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS December 1980

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,945.61
16.00% Promotional Department	2,547.55
4.50% General Fund	716.51

5.50% Youth Camp	875.73
2.00% Christian Board of Education	318.44
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	318.44
5.00% Retirement Program	796.11
5.00% Retirement Center	796.11
2.00% Possible Purchase of Ret. Unit	318.44
60.50%	\$9,632.94
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	\$955.34
33.50% National Department	\$5,333.95
21.50% Foreign Missions	\$1,146.80
21.50% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,146.80
15.50% National Home Missions	826.77
30.00% Executive Department	1,600.19
8.00% Board of Retirement & Insurance	426.72
3.00% Layman's Board	160.01
.50% Theological Commission	26.66

This ends the year 1980. It has been a good month. Over and over we thank God for His goodness and faithfulness and the response faithful pastors and churches are making throughout the state of Missouri. Let us continue to give as He gives to us and we share in spreading the gospel throughout the world.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING December 1980

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Grant Avenue	\$33.00
General Fund	\$ 1.00
Vandivort	10.00
Bowers	10.00
Shrewsbury	10.00
Cochrane	2.00
Fredericktown, First	\$22.00
Bowers	\$22.00
New Rock Springs	\$131.00
Vandivort	125.00
Bowers	6.00
Joplin	\$210.00
Weatherford Mission	\$210.00
Monett	\$15.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Bowers	5.00
Olivet	\$15.00
Maness	\$15.00
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
O'Dell	\$10.00
Berkeley	\$62.00
Bowers	\$12.00
General Fund	50.00
Flat River, First	\$105.00
O'Dell	\$ 5.00
General Fund	100.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$50.00
Bowers	\$25.00
Vandivort	25.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$440.53
Vandivort	\$251.53
Harris	10.00
Bowers	24.00
General Fund	155.00
Fordland	\$9.00
Vandivort	\$6.00
Maness	3.00
Rolla	\$250.00
Maness	\$200.00
Vandivort	50.00
Neva Turnbough, Rolla	\$25.00
Vandivort	\$25.00
Leadington	\$600.00
Bowers	\$300.00
Vandivort	300.00
Thayer	\$74.50
Bowers	\$54.50
Messer	15.00
Vandivort	5.00

Jones Chapel	\$103.00
Weatherford Mission	\$103.00
Bob & Glenda Keith, Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$5.00
Bowers	5.00
Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Low Ground	\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00
Myrtle	\$98.25
Bowers	\$98.25
Columbia	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Total	\$2,303.28

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Fredericktown, First		\$99.00
Grant Avenue		\$58.33
General Fund.....	\$33.33	
Development	25.00	
Joplin.....		\$27.00
General Fund.....	\$2.00	
Library Wing.....	25.00	
Flat River	In Memory of James Miller	\$50.00
Columbia		\$10.00
Calvary Chapel, Buffalo-Adult SS Class		\$11.78
Leadington.....		\$300.00
Total.....		\$556.11

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Fredericktown, First	\$99.00
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Monett	\$13.04
Mtn. Grove, First	\$60.00
Willow Springs	\$15.00
Total	\$197.04

CHILDREN'S HOME, GREENEVILLE TN.

Myrtle	\$7.43
Fredericktown, First	\$49.00
Total	\$56.43

BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Merl's Chapel	\$64.00
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Total	\$74.00

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Terrill Road	\$19.43
General Fund	\$19.43
Fredericktown, First	\$144.00
General Fund	\$132.00
Branson	12.00
New Harmony	\$32.99
Moberly	\$32.99
Hazel Creek	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Grant Avenue	\$44.16
Branson	\$34.16
General Fund	10.00
Joplin	\$70.00
Branson—Chairs	\$50.00
General Fund	20.00
Mt. Vernon	\$40.00
Branson—Chairs	\$40.00
Monett	\$50.00
General Fund	\$50.00
In Memory of Don Lombard	
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00

Mt. Zion, Thayer	\$10.00	
Branson	\$10.00	
Myrtle		\$41.55
General Fund	\$41.55	
Rock Chapel		\$891.16
General Fund	\$891.16	
Mill Creek		\$60.00
General Fund	\$50.00	
Branson	10.00	
Flat River, First		\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00	
Columbia		\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00	
Leadington		\$300.00
Branson	\$300.00	
Indian Creek Association		\$6,875.26
Carthage Mission	\$6,875.26	
Lebanon, First		\$2.00
General Fund	\$2.00	
Low Ground		\$20.00
Branson	\$20.00	
Aulsbury Chapel		\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00	
Fourth		\$30.95
General Fund	\$30.95	
Total		\$8,776.50

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Terrill Road		\$21.91
General Fund	\$21.91	
Fredericktown, First		\$123.00
General Fund	\$123.00	
New Harmony		\$65.98
McLain	\$32.99	
Lynn Miley	32.99	
Sedalia		\$18.44
L. Inscoc	\$18.44	
Grant Avenue		\$318.33
Pinkerton	\$80.00	
Hersey	195.00	
Lytle	33.33	
Van Hook	10.00	
Joplin		\$8.00
Spain Land	\$5.00	
Sparks	3.00	
Monett		\$70.00
General Fund	\$30.00	
Sparks	40.00	
Kirksville		\$63.00
Pinkerton	\$63.00	
Olivet		\$85.00
Sparks	\$20.00	
Poole	20.00	
Inscoc	20.00	
Van Hook	10.00	
McLain	10.00	
Pinkerton	5.00	
Pleasant Ridge		\$20.00
General Fund	\$10.00	
McLain	10.00	
Myrtle		\$133.56
Miley	\$40.00	
McLain	93.56	
Columbia		\$102.00
General Fund	\$17.00	
Filkins	15.00	
Inscoc	30.00	
McLain	25.00	
McCullough	5.00	
Tallent	5.00	
Pinkerton	5.00	
Flat River, First		\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00	
Mtn. Grove, First		\$150.00
Cousineau	\$30.00	
General Fund	120.00	
Hannon		\$167.50
Lytle	\$25.00	
Pinkerton	25.00	

Filkins	25.00	
Tallent	25.00	
McLain	25.00	
Hanna	25.00	
Miley	17.50	
Leadington		\$600.00
Filkins	\$300.00	
Pinkerton	300.00	
Fordland		\$33.00
General Fund	\$23.00	
Filkins	10.00	
Thayer		\$5.00
Pinkerton	\$5.00	
Beacon		\$1,274.60
Coscia	\$1,274.60	
Merl's Chapel		\$102.00
Filkins	\$102.00	
Black Oak		\$16.11
Filkins	\$16.11	
Lebanon, First		\$10.51
Tallent	\$1.00	
Pinkerton	2.50	
Morgan	2.50	
Filkins	4.51	
Dale & Evelyn Crossgrove, Low Ground		\$10.00
Low Ground		\$20.00
McLain	\$20.00	
Aulsbury Chapel		\$100.00
Pinkerton	\$50.00	
Filkins	50.00	
Fourth		\$102.00
Lytle	\$102.00	
Total		\$3,719.94

YOUTH CAMP

New Rock Springs	\$20.00
Olivet	\$10.00
Myrtle	\$41.55
Fellowship	\$60.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$10.00
Mtn. Grove	\$10.00
Leadington	\$300.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Lebanon, First	\$12.50
Aulsbury Chapel	\$10.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$514.05

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS December 1980

Waynesville	\$ 190.65
Terrill Road	154.54
Fredericktown, First	271.00
Hurryville	150.77
Parkview	143.07
Macedonia	15.00
Houston	175.58
Faith, Fair Grove	137.58
Neosho	10.00
New Rock Springs	95.57
New Harmony	10.49
Oskaloosa	24.67
Sedalia	105.93
Number One	32.50
DeSoto	700.00
Grant Avenue	677.54
Purdy	193.60
Monett	498.04
Harmony, K.C.	246.00
Royal Oak	46.00
Victory	108.00
Belton	163.05
Mt. Zion, Gower	99.88

Eastern Gate	27.93
Cope	27.80
Olivet	200.00
Pleasant Ridge	60.00
Community	37.10
Mt. Zion, Thayer	36.05
Myrtle	199.21
Springfield, First	69.00
Oak Hill, Union	404.60
Rock Chapel	308.42
Marshfield	160.88
Mill Creek	135.45
Berkeley	360.84
Hopewell	139.00
Gray Summit	75.00
Flat River, First	566.82
Verdella	156.12
Hartville	180.00
Gospel Light	49.50
Faith, Lemay	123.00
Mt. Pisgah	91.00
Walnut Grove	108.23
Bailey Chapel, Tunas	37.00
Mtn. Grove, First	601.44
Bismark	39.00
Union Grove	80.00
Union	60.00
Columbia	50.00
Fordland	251.43
Cape Girardeau	150.00
O'Fallon	416.00
Hannon	335.00
Grace	752.00
Rolla	109.48
Calvary Chapel	141.91
Cabool	186.54
Thayer	188.40
Beacon	595.10
Mine La Motte	25.00
Happy Home	99.17
Calvary, Conway	142.00
Copper Mines	125.46
Joplin	439.85
Merl's Chapel	67.00
Mt. Vernon	80.05
Black Oak	10.00
Kansas City, First	54.00
Wolf Creek	252.90
Pleasant Hill	55.20
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	141.79
Lebanon, First	348.69
Evangel	280.00
El Dorado, First	5.00
Leadington	442.41
Union Light	150.70
Bismark	32.00
Hurryville	94.34
Trinity	204.75
Fourth	400.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	23.49
Willow Springs	287.61
Hickory Grove	54.30
Cope	23.72
New Rock Springs	81.99
Myrtle	205.40
Total	\$15,922.23

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS January, 1981

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$3,524.52
16.00% Promotional Department	\$3,048.23
4.50% General Fund	\$857.31
5.50% Youth Camp	\$1,047.83
2.00% Board of Christian Education	\$381.03
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	\$381.03
5.00% Retirement Program	\$952.57

5.00% Retirement Center	\$952.57
2.00% Possible Purchase of Ret. Unit	\$381.03
Total	\$11,526.12
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	\$1,143.08
11.00% Foreign Missions	\$2,095.66
8.00% FWBBC	\$1,524.11
6.00% Executive Dept.	\$1,143.09
6.00% National Home Missions	\$1,143.09
2.00% Retirement & Insurance	\$381.03
.25% Layman's Board	\$47.63
.25% Theological Commission	\$47.63
Total	\$6,382.24
Total Disbursement	\$19,051.44

This has been a wonderful month to begin the year! The Lord has blessed in a marvelous way through faithful pastors and churches. Hopefully, this will be reflective of what will follow. Let us trust the Lord for a wonderful year as we give to spread the gospel throughout the world.

* The Missouri State Association voted in its last session, June, 1980, to revert to the allocation adopted for 1978-79 beginning January 1, 1981.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING January 1981

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Fredericktown, First	\$33.00
General Fund	\$21.00
Branson	12.00
New Harmony	\$27.00
Moberly	\$27.00
Joplin	\$100.00
Branson—Chairs	\$100.00
Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
South Side	\$20.00
Branson	\$20.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Terrill Road	\$11.95
Branson	\$5.00
General Fund	6.95
New Hope, Fredericktown	\$15.00
Branson	\$15.00
Grant Avenue	\$34.16
Branson	\$34.16
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Berkeley	\$60.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Branson	10.00
National Home Missions	\$120.00
Branson	\$120.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$40.00
General Fund	\$40.00
Anne Wilson, Central Church	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Central	\$24.69
Moberly	\$24.69
Leadington	\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00
Cape Girardeau	\$50.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Lebanon, First	\$2.00
General Fund	\$2.00
Fourth	\$64.41
General Fund	\$64.41
New Rock Springs	\$25.00
General fund	\$25.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00
Myrtle	\$16.90
Branson	\$16.90
Total	\$789.11

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Joplin	\$54.00
Library Wing	\$50.00
General Fund	4.00
Calvary Chapel, Buffalo—Adult SS Class	\$19.50
Mtn. Grove	\$70.00
Columbia	\$5.00
Grant Avenue	\$58.33
Development	\$25.00
General Fund	33.33
Flat River, First ... In Memory of J. Miller	\$50.00
Total	\$256.83

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Monett	\$8.49
Mtn. Grove	\$10.00
Grant Avenue	\$8.00
Willow Springs	\$15.00
Total	\$41.49

RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Farmington	\$210.00
Grant Avenue	\$20.83
Total	\$230.83

BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue	\$10.00
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CHILDREN'S HOME, GREENEVILLE, TN

Myrtle	\$3.05
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BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Fredericktown, First	\$52.00
Bowers	\$52.00
Monett	\$18.00
Bowers	\$5.00
Jim Smith	8.00
General Fund	5.00
Joplin	\$370.00
Jim Smith—Weatherford Mission	
Mtn. Grove, First	\$982.00
Vandivort	\$910.00
Bowers	72.00
Olivet	\$15.00
Maness	\$15.00
Fordland	\$4.00
Vandivort	\$4.00
Grant Avenue	\$22.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Bowers	10.00
Cochrane	2.00
Flat River, First	\$135.00
General Fund	\$110.00
Vandivort	10.00
O'Dell	15.00
Berkeley	\$62.00
Bowers	\$12.00
General Fund	50.00
Rock Chapel	\$30.00
Bowers	\$20.00
O'Dell	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$50.00
Bowers	\$25.00
Vandivort	25.00

Central	\$232.50
General Fund	\$107.50
Bowers	25.00
O'Dell	70.00
Maness	30.00
Leadington	\$10.00
Bowers	\$10.00
Thayer	\$97.50
Bowers	\$77.50
Messer	15.00
Vandivort	5.00
Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Bob & Glenda Keith, Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Bowers	\$5.00
Vandivort	5.00
Rolla	\$57.00
Vandivort	\$50.00
Maness	3.00
O'Dell	4.00
Neva Turnbough, Rolla	\$25.00
Vandivort	\$25.00
New Rock Springs	\$60.00
Vandivort	\$60.00
Myrtle	\$64.35
Bowers	\$64.35
Total	\$2,306.35

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Monett	\$325.46
Tallent	\$ 5.00
General Fund	160.46
Filkins	150.00
Payne	10.00
New Harmony	\$54.00
McLain	\$27.00
Miley	27.00
Columbia	\$57.00
Dickins	\$10.00
General Fund	2.00
Inscoe	30.00
Filkins	10.00
Pinkerton	5.00
Joplin	\$31.00
Spain Land	\$5.00
Sparks	6.00
Banks	20.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$105.00
Cousineau	\$65.00
General Fund	40.00
Olivet	\$85.00
Sparks	\$20.00
Poole	20.00
Inscoe	20.00
McLain	10.00
Pinkerton	10.00
Van Hook	5.00
South Side	\$290.45
Filkins	\$40.00
Tallent	250.45
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	\$20.00
McLain	\$10.00
General Fund	10.00
New Hope, Fredericktown	\$18.00
Filkins	\$18.00
Sedalia	\$248.00
General Fund	\$248.00
Grant Avenue	\$134.33
Pinkerton	\$10.00
General Fund	21.00
Hersey	70.00
Lytle	33.33
Hannon	\$107.50
Pinkerton	\$25.00
Lytle	25.00
Filkins	25.00
Tallent	20.00
McLain	12.50

Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Central	\$179.68
General Fund	\$5.00
Miley	54.68
Haas	20.00
Filkins	100.00
Beacon	\$188.24
Coscia	\$142.00
Filkins	46.24
Leadington	\$6.00
Filkins	\$6.00
Thayer	\$5.00
Pinkerton	\$5.00
Merl's Chapel	\$60.00
McLain	\$60.00
Lebanon, First	\$6.00
Tallent	\$1.00
Morgan	2.50
Pinkerton	2.50
Black Oak	\$40.00
D. Owens	\$40.00
Fourth	\$119.00
Lytle	\$109.00
Tallent	10.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$50.00
Pinkerton	\$25.00
Filkins	25.00
Myrtle	\$72.22
McLain	\$52.22
Miley	20.00
Total	\$2,301.88

YOUTH CAMP

Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Fellowship	\$96.00
Monett	\$30.00
Olivet	\$10.00
Mtn. Grove	\$10.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$10.00
Mable Riley, Sedalia	\$10.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Lebanon, First	\$16.66
New Rock Springs	\$10.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Myrtle	\$16.90
Aulsbury Chapel	\$10.00
Total	\$259.56

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS January 1981

Community	\$ 34.70
Parkview	146.34
Faith, Lemay	186.00
Farmington	950.00
Eastern Gate	23.09
Fredericktown, First	266.00
Number One	31.17
Monett	348.56
New Harmony	7.83
Bailey Chapel	24.00
Houston	144.25
Faith, Fair Grove	102.40
Harmony, K.C.	217.00
Mtn. Grove, First	498.31
Olivet	200.00
Victory, Alton	151.00
Mine La Motte	15.50
Way Side, Willow Springs	195.00

Columbia	50.00
Buffalo	159.56
South Side	190.00
South Side	249.88
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	46.00
Gray Summit	70.51
Old Bethel	20.00
Kingsway	50.00
Grace	718.00
Terrill Road	111.00
Friendship	44.00
Gospel Light	50.56
The Jones Family	176.00
Hartville	146.05
New Hope, Fredericktown	79.38
O'Fallon	341.00
Waynesville	173.07
Macedonia	16.00
Neosho	10.00
Royal Oak	26.00
Twin Oak	400.00
Purdy	139.49
Sadalia	87.94
Union Grove	93.00
Fordland	208.69
Grant Avenue	502.92
First, Flat River	564.05
Berkeley	391.80
Belton	116.71
DeSoto	600.00
Mill Creek	118.47
Hannon	215.00
Verdella	94.64
Marshfield	118.92
Rock Chapel	219.76
Byrd	48.69
Mtn. Valley	175.34
Pleasant Home	199.41
Mt. Zion, Gower	42.88
Beacon	346.24
Mt. Pisgah	76.00
Jones Chapel	290.97
Freeman Chapel	155.08
Richwoods	123.01
Viburnum	30.00
Central	780.00
Copper Mines	183.24
Calvary Chapel	139.14
Leadington	365.20
Thayer	306.65
Joplin	414.20
Merl's Chapel	52.59
Wolf Creek	219.97
Happy Home	112.05
Rolla	129.24
Cape Girardeau	100.00
Aulsbury Chapel	828.31
Lebanon	317.01
Kingsway	50.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	32.18
Cope	24.25
Pleasant Hill	42.50
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Oak Hill, Union	331.01
Black Oak	10.00
Fourth	323.00
Harmony, K.C.	214.00
Buffalo	127.70
New Rock Springs	82.88
Willow Springs	265.44
Community	30.03
Hopewell	243.00
Bethel	305.00
Myrtle	135.68
Purdy	155.00
Farmington	1,100.00
Total	\$19,051.44

"THY BROTHER SHALL RISE AGAIN"

For ten hours, all night Thanksgiving night, we waited, we prayed, we wept, we paced the hospital corridors: It is 7:30 a.m., the only sound now being heard is the echo of the doctor's footsteps coming toward us. He is not looking hopeful or sad. We begin to imagine what he will say to us as his steps draw nearer. Then, in a plain, yet sympathetic tone, the doctor tells us, "Fred—is dead." He was 22 years old. So young. His entire life yet before him.

Our family was rather large, having eleven children, and for the first time our family circle was broken by death. My brother Fred was conscious only for a few minutes during the night. My parents and I were allowed into the room to see him. We were still unaware of the criticalness of the situation. Yet, I felt strongly impressed to hear Fred's testimony if he should not live through the night. He testified to his trust in God and that God was with him. These were the last words he spoke on earth.

Christmas was now coming; snow was on the ground as we left the hospital that morning, tired and bewildered with broken hearts. I told myself I could never make it. My crying turned into weeping, my weeping to deep mourning until the day of the funeral. At the very moment it was to start, a verse from God's Word came to my heart. It was John 11:23, "Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again." It was as if Jesus Himself was standing next to me in the funeral parlor giving me that comforting promise.

The following Saturday morning I was sitting in my living room daydreaming. The cartoons on television were blaring out, the kids were screaming and

scuffling, the phone was ringing, but for a few moments my mind was carried far, far away beyond the clouds as God strengthened my heart. Here is the page from my diary I then wrote:

"From henceforth, I will not give death the dignity to mourn over it so hopelessly. 'Thy brother shall rise again.' I am just as sure that now he is over there in Heaven as I am over here on earth. Here death steals the scepter from every monarch, usurps authority over all, and conquers every conqueror. But on the other side, God's side, death be not proud! Death is not mentioned there, death is not even given the dignity of being included in Heaven's dictionary. Over there death has no power, no authority, no place. Death is never spoken of, death is never whispered, death is never!"

"Thy brother shall rise again." These words came like a lightning flash of glorious consolation from Heaven to my heart. I now believe the greatest words ever uttered from human lips were, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

We will not sorrow as those who have no hope. We will sorrow, yet with everlasting hope. And may we by the grace of God, and His infallible word of promise, be reunited once again with our brother on the other shore.

"Thy brother shall rise again."

Rev. James Mertz, Pastor
South Side Free Will Baptist Church

1981

All four of us stayed up late,
For a New Year's party so out of date.
At Happy Home, we were blest,
By the presence of His Righteousness.
We sang and talked and testified,
And thanked God for His Son that was crucified.
He arose and now stands at the Father's right hand.
Making intercession for us—the children of man.

Refreshments came next, followed by more,
Of the many blessings God had in store,
For His children who love Him more,
Than anything else the world could ask for.

The message was brought by Arnold Day,
"Launch out into the deep," we heard him say.
"Obey the Lord and do His will,
Then His promises He'll fulfill."

And then each one of us said a prayer,
Asking God to keep us in His care.
The love that flowed from hand to hand,
As in a circle we all did stand;
Was surely part of God's plan,
For in 1981, He still loves man!

Written by—
Gladys Peak
Gladys Peak Church

Member, Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church

My Father Found the Lord

by Sharon Bowers

On October 12, 1980, my father and mother were sitting in the livingroom watching a ball game. My father felt his leg go to sleep. As he stood and tried to walk he realized that a blood clot was in his leg. He was rushed to the hospital at West Plains, Missouri, and from there to the V.A. Hospital in Poplar Bluff.

He underwent surgery three times. His leg had to be amputated. He had many problems following this. On Friday the chaplain at the hospital called for the family expressing the statement of the doctor that there was no hope for my father to live. But he made it through that day. The next day Brother Grover Pingleton came to visit him. As Brother Pingleton walked inside the room my father said, "Come over here and have prayer with me." It was then that my father gave his life to the Lord. He then said, "I am ready for anything."

Later his condition resulted in him being transferred to the V.A. Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. But after being on a kidney machine for a while his condition improved and they began to function on their own. Well, I knew all along that the Lord was going to take care of my father. I felt that the Lord had brought my father a long way and He was not going to let him die at that time. My Christmas present was that my father came home on December 22. I thank God for what He did.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley E. Jones

The church needs revival when it loses its first love as the church at Ephesus did. It became a church of mechanical Christians, spiritual robots; hating sin but not loving the sinner; laboring but not loving; worshiping but not loving God. They were rebuked by Christ and called upon to repent and return or suffer reprobation.

The church needs revival when it faces times of testing as the church at Smyrna did. They were challenged to remain faithful unto death and Christ promised them life. They needed a revival of the Christian hope.

The church needs revival when it embraces false doctrine and becomes careless with the Word of God as the church at Pergamos did. They harbored teachers of false doctrine who were stumbling-blocks to Christian growth. Christ demanded repentance and a return to the true Word or they could expect His opposition.

The church needs revival when it allows sin to go unchecked in its midst as the church at Thyatira did. They not only allowed those who practiced sin to be part of their number but followed their defiling example. They were told to repent of their deeds or certain judgment would follow.

The church needs revival when its vital signs of life are weak as the church's at Sardis were. This church was trying to show signs of life. But, going through the motions of spiritual life is not necessarily true living. Formalism and outward performance are not always a safe gauge to check our spiritual pulse. This church had not fulfilled its commitment to God. They had not remained true to the gifts and privileges afforded them. They were called to repent and to revitalize their near death existence.

The church needs revival when it must be reminded of its opportunities of service as the church at Philadelphia was. God gave them an open door. How many open doors do we have to witness, serve, and reach men? They were reminded to take advan-

tage of their opportunities before another stepped in to claim the reward of service.

The church needs revival when it is plagued with a half-hearted, self-satisfied attitude as the church at Laodicea was. Perhaps this church was satisfied with their present attendance and Christian growth. They seemed to have found security in their large church budget. But, Christ rebuked the church and called them to repentance. He promised if any one of them would allow Him in, He would fellowship with him.

Let each church and each church member perform a self-examination in the light of these seven churches and determine if revival is needed today.



Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

One of the primary reasons for stagnant ministries is a failure on the part of the pastor to meditate in and on God's Word. It is easy to get so busy in doing good things we neglect the better. The man of God *must* have plenty of time for meditation in the Bible and prayer. We preachers should let ourselves be filled and then preach from the overflow—that is the richness of God's grace, and that is what feeds our congregation.

We see this stagnant, anemic, and sterile ministry manifested in several ways:

One, there will be frequent problems of disharmony in the church. The people will be out of sorts because the preacher is out of sorts. There will be a spirit of strife among the saints. The church won't have that spirit of love and warmth that characterizes a great church.

Two, there will be a raising up of dissenters and those who follow them. The pastor will discover that because his own heart is cold, he won't be able to warn the people and thus they will follow spiritually weak but politically strong laymen of the church. The church will therefore not grow or flourish.

Three, the altars will become barren and the pulpit devoid of power and fire. If there is no heavenly fire in the pulpit, there won't be any fire in the pews. I'm not talking about worked up emotion or fabricated fire, but the fire that comes into a preacher's heart when he has been living in the Word and on his knees and his heart is broken over the conditions prevailing.

Four, workers will be few and their efforts will be of little effect. Momentum will die down to a standstill, teachers will teach with little interest, and fewer people will attend, leaving the worship services empty. These are but a few results.

What to do? Preachers, get back into the Word. Get alone with God and feed on the Word. Read Ravenhill's books for devotions. Read Rice's book on the "soul-winner's fire." Read Acts on your knees. Spend time with God and let the Lord fill you to overflowing. Then preach that overflow and watch God work.

Attention Music Lovers

A great time in the Lord is being planned for the National Association of Free Will Baptists convening in Louisville, Kentucky, July 19-23. Provisions have been made for many of our people to minister in the Mass Adult Choir, Men's Chorale, and Instrumental Ensemble.

Would you like to be a part of this effort? If so, write for further information:

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Shirley Bowden, editor

FINANCIAL REPORT

YOUTH CAMP DINING HALL PROJECT—
\$765.65

NATIONAL HOME MISSION PROJECT, JIM
O'DELL—\$405.44

FOREIGN MISSION PROJECT, PATSY
VANHOOK—\$524.16

PERPETUAL LOAN FUND "HAVE A
HEART MONTH"—\$153.03

ALL MONIES FOR THE PERPETUAL LOAN
FUND SHOULD BE TO THE STATE TREASUR-
ER, BLANCHE WISEHART, NO LATER THAN
MARCH 21, 1981.

NOTE TO SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

Local secretaries and local treasurers should close their books, April 15, 1981, and should then get their reports ready and sent to the District Secretaries and District Treasurers. These secretaries and treasurers should then compile their reports and should close their books April 25, 1981. District Secretaries should send their report to Shirley Bowden, P.O. Box 1141, Lebanon, Missouri, 65536. District Treasurers should send their report to Blanche Wisehart, Myrtle, Missouri, 65778. If your auxiliary does not belong to a district, please send your reports directly to these respective women. District Secretaries and Treasurers should have their reports to the State Treasurer and State Secretary *no later than May 1, 1981.*

STATE MEETING TO BE HELD IN LEBANON, MISSOURI

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held June 9, 1981, at the Nelson Community Center in Lebanon, Missouri. The theme for this year's session will be "Handfuls of Purpose." The Scripture will be taken from Ruth 2:16. At the time of this writing the Steve Lytles, missionaries home on furlough from Panama, will be speaking at the worship service and Judy Lytle will be speaking at the banquet. The banquet again will be held at the Wyota Inn Restaurant. This will be a smorgasbord and the cost will be \$6.00 per person. Make plans to attend the convention and the banquet.

A DIPLOMA FROM HEAVEN

by Ellen Middleton

I've never received a diploma of learning
with a stamp of approval by man
But I'm working for one which God will give
When I reach the promised land.
And I'm trying to do my homework
as a faithful student would do
At no time will I try to shirk,
for I'm determined to see it through.
My Teacher is kind and patient
for He knows my limitation,
He opened the door to His school for me
when He died for my salvation.
He knew that I was very unlearned
at the age of sixteen years,
And He accepted my humble tuition
which was paid with penitent tears.
And like the best school master,
He starts with the ABC's
The Fundamentals of a Christian,
and He teaches by degrees.
For He knows just how much we can grasp
within a single day
But as a preschool babe in Christ,
He helps us grow along the way.
First in the reading of God's Word
He leads us to the light
And oh, how sweet to commune with Him.
by our bedside every night.
Then comes division, so important you see,
when we His grace have claimed.
Rightly dividing the words of truth
that we need not be ashamed.
Then we add love for our fellowman
as John so oft foretold,
Then Christ will add to us blessing
much more than our hearts can hold.
Now language is next on our teacher's list
He says speak with a tongue brand new,
You must change your walk, also your talk,
if I am to walk with you.
Now when the bell shall toll, school is finished,
and I have done my very best,
And I hear my teacher say well done
I'll know I've passed the test.
Now my diploma will not be framed
nor hung upon the wall,
But recorded in the book of life
the safest place of all.
And I'll not wear a cap and gown
for all the world to see,
But a crown of life He will give to me
to wear all eternity.
Now you may think I'm boasting
the most you've ever heard,
But my teacher promised this to me,
and I know He will keep His word.

REVIVAL TIME, OCTOBER 1981

Second Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

1. Plan a Revival Meeting in October
2. Pray for the Revival Meeting
3. Promote the Revival Meeting

"Revival Fires Burn In The Hearts Of Revived Men"

Call-a-thon Highlights Foreign Missions Month

Nashville, Tenn.—April—Foreign Missions Month—will give Free Will Baptists a chance to show their compassion to a lost world. "Wrapping April Around the World" is the theme of this year's foreign mission effort which will be highlighted by Call-a-thon Sunday, April 19, 1981.

A Call-a-thon goal of \$30,000 has been set to help offset deficit missionary accounts which totaled \$78,870.74 at the end of January.

Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, has issued a special appeal for pastors and Sunday school leaders to help these missionaries overcome the financial crunch of overseas costs by giving the entire Sunday school offering on that day.

As they give and call the foreign missions office on April 19, churches, Sunday schools, and individuals will be joining in wrapping the month of April around the world. Callers have been asked to dial (615) 361-1010 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in their respective time zones to report their gifts.

Some churches have planned a special Easter offering on April 19 since Easter falls on that day also. This can still be considered a part of Call-a-thon giving and should be reported to the missions office by phone or at least mailed by Monday, April 20.

Letters from Missionaries Expressing Thanks and Greetings

The Longs in Jackson, Tennessee
The Vandivorts in Flagstaff, Arizona
The Pinkertons in Africa
The Filkins in Africa
The Hannas in India
The Rosses in St. Paul, Minnesota
Judy Smith in Japan
The Cowarts in Brazil
The Mosers in Brazil
The Wallaces in Atlanta Project
The Crowsons in France
The Inscoes in Panama
The Herseys in Japan
The Sparks in Spain

Let's continue to remember these missionaries in prayer and in our giving. We are thankful for every missionary, and we pray for them a fruitful ministry. May the Lord continue to bless them as they labor for Him.

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Reverend Rolla Smith, general director of the Foreign Missions Department states, "Inflation, rising costs, and high interest rates are a few things that bring financial pressure on the missionary. Additional monthly support is vital and necessary at this time. Will every one consider increasing their support? It is needed at this time."

Announcing THIRD NATIONAL MASTER'S MEN CONFERENCE

April 3-4, 1981
White Bluff, Tennessee
THEME: "MEN IN LEADERSHIP"

FEATURE SPEAKER: Don Elkins, President,
Hillsdale FWB College, Moore, Oklahoma

WHY? "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind" (Eph. 4:23). "I have been to a lot of revivals, singing conventions, prayer meetings, etc . . . have seen boys and girls walk the aisle to accept Christ—but have never seen or experienced anything as joyful, wonderful, uplifting as this conference. It instilled in me a desire to do more for my God TODAY! I am thankful to God for Master's Men. I can't express all my feelings—but one thing for sure, I can feel it in my heart." That is a quote from one of the men who attended last year. Men join us at the Master's Men Conference in the beautiful hills of Tennessee. Experience a renewing of your spirit and share in the joy of this blessing with other men.

For further information contact: Master's Men, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217.